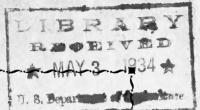
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Catalogue of

# South African Flowering Plants

1934 Season.

I have much pleasure in presenting to my customers my 1934

Catalogue.

Many of our most attractive native flowers can readily be grown in the open in England. A few words on how they grow in South Africa will make it easy to adapt their cultivation to conditions in

the Northern Hemisphere.

A large number of the bulbs listed flower in the Cape in spring (September). They start growth with the first rains in the autumn (April) and continue growth during the winter. They flower with the returning warmth and set seed and die down as the heat and dryness of summer come on. These bulbs are well ripened and ready for delivery in January and are in time for planting in the English spring and are ready to adopt the coming summer for their next flowering period.

For cultivation out of doors they may be either planted in pots under glass and later plunged in their flowering positions or else planted out directly in the open, say in April, in a southern aspect. Do not omit to keep them well watered as in the Cape they grow in

the wet season.

All the species respond to the same cultural conditions as the well

known Freesias and Ixias.

For those who have not grown our bulbs, I am confident the following selection will give satisfaction:—Lachenalia tricolor var. aurea, Ixia spp., Tritonia hyalina, Sparaxis tricolor and hybrids, Babiana disticha, Gladiolus tristis, G. Pappei, Watsonia aletroides. For a border Dorotheanthus criniflorus makes a showy subject treated as a half-hardy annual. The Watsonias are handsome subjects grown near water. The Succulents are very fascinating plants and easily raised from seed. Remembering that they require good drainage and cannot stand damp and cold combined, their cultivation offers no difficulty.

Seed of all species, one shilling per packet.

Terms.—Cash with Order. For postage and packing, one shiling on all orders under ten shillings. Seeds alone, post free. Fractional orders of a dozen or a hundred must not be less than ½ dozen or fifty respectively.

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John Martley, A.R.C.S., M.Sc. Banhoek, Stellenbosch, South Africa.

# LILIACEÆ. Aloe Greatheadi.—Leaves spotted, flower stem branched 2 to 5 ft., flowers

salmon pink or almost red, yellow inside.

THE WAR

A. longibracteata.—Leaves spotted, stem branched 2 to 5 ft., flowers salmon pink with bluish bloom. A. plicatilis.—Branched, leaves 12 ins. in terminal fans, flower spikes 18 ins., flower 13 ins., red, tipped with buff. Old specimens much branched up to 8 ft. or more high. Agapanthus umbellatus.—Small mountain variety, leaves 8 ins., stem 15 ins., with an umbel of deep blue flowers, late summer .......... 1s. each. Scilla prasina.—A spray of small mauve flowers, very dainty .... 5s. per doz. Eucomis undulata.—Flowers yellow green, very attractive, large bulb. 1s. each. Ornithogalum thyrsoides.—The famed Cape Chincherinchee; last for weeks as cut flower; similar to Star of Bethlehem; flowers white with brownish centre ...... 1s. per doz. 6s. per 100 O. lacteum.—The Darling Chincherinchee, pure white; flowers later than O. splendens.—Leaves grey-green, stem 15 ins., flowers a brilliant orange red; must be grown in a very well-drained situation ..... 5s. per doz. Ornithogalum sp.—Dwarf, leaves narrow upright 3 ins., stems 4 in., with a Lachenalia rubida.—One of the earliest to flower, stem 4½ ins. with hanging crimson flowers ...... 5s. per doz. L. pendula.—Flowers early, stem 8 ins. with twenty or more hanging crimson blooms tipped with grey, protruding segments green, 13 ins. 4s. 6d. per doz. L. tricolor var. aurea.—Robust, leaves large spotted, stems 12 to 15 ins., with fifteen to twenty hanging golden bells, 11 ins., top of spike tinged red ...... 27s. per 100 4s. 6d. per doz. L. Illiiflora.—Similar to L. pustulata but flower larger, white . . 1s. 6d. per doz. flowers tinged with violet, faintly scented ........... 1s. 6d. per doz. L. glaucina var. pallida.—Fairly robust, stem 8 to 10 ins., with close-set greenish to lemon-yellow flowers, later turning russet-brown . 1s. 6d. doz. L. orchioides.—Spike 6 ins., of small creamy-white flowers .. 1s. 6d. per doz. L. unicolor.—Spike 4 ins., closely covered with small pink flowers. 2s. 6d. per doz. L. membranacea.—Leaves large, blotched with brown; spike 12 ins. with small greenish-white flowers changing to russet ....... 2s. 6d. per doz. AMARYLLIDACEÆ. Hæmanthus sp.—Flowers late summer, stem 10 ins., with a brush-like head of reddish-orange flowers, fruits red, the pair of large flat leaves produced  N. filifolia.—Evergreen, very dainty, leaves grass-like, stem 10 ins., with an umbel of flowers similar to the above, but smaller and of a delicate pink; lasts long as cut flower

N. humilis.—Similar to N. sarniensis but pale pink

Vallota purpurea.—Robust, stem 12 to 15 ins., with an umbel of six or seven large ruby-red lily-like blooms, flowers late summer, large bulb. Seed also

18s. per doz. 2s. 6d. each.

Cyrtanthus lutescens.—Similar to a narcissus in habit of growth; stems 15 ins., with an umbel of tubular yellow flowers, 2 ins. long, with delicate narcissus scent

5s. per doz.

C. parviflorus.—Smaller than C. lutescens, flowers scarlet; an excellent pot subject

5s. per doz.

Hypoxis stellata var. elegans.—A rosette of spreading twisted leaves, flowers solitary, starlike, on 6 to 10 ins. stalks, with dark metallic blue or green outer, 3½ ins. across

2s. 6d. per doz.

## IRIDACEÆ.

Romulea rosea.—Very small bulbs, producing a bunch of short grass-like leaves, flowers old rose,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins. across on 1 in. stalks .... 1s. 6d. per doz. Galaxia graminea.—Rosette of small leaves, flowers stalkless, clear primrose yellow produced in succession, 1 in. across ......... 1s. 6d. per doz. G. ovata.—Similar to above, but flowers pink with an indigo-blue border to ..... 4s. 6d. per doz. across ..... M. papilionacea.—Stem short, branched 6 ins., bearing numerous flowers in succession, brick-pink with yellow eye, 1½ ins. across .... 2s. 6d. per doz. M. torta.—Light blue, free flowering, stem short ........ 3s. 6d. per doz. M. bicolor.—Fibrous rooted evergreen, 4 ft., yellow and marcon; seed only. Geissorhiza splendidissima.—Spray 7 ins., with four or five bowl-shaped flowers, 1½ ins. across of a rich blue with darker centre; 3s. per doz. G. hirta.—Similar to above, but flowers crimson, 1 in. across,
Hesperantha Buhrii.—Flowers in 9 in. sprays; flowers open in afternoon, a dazzling white, with a deep pink reverse, 1 in. across . .
3s. per doz.
3s. per doz. Aristea cyanea.—Fibrous-rooted evergreen, lobelia-blue; makes a good edging. Seed only. Ixia scariosa.—One of the earliest to flower; stems delicate, 18 ins., with a lax spray of pale lavender blooms ........ 1s. per doz.; 6s. per 100 1. patens.—Leaves 8 ins., stem 15 ins., with a spike of rich pink blooms. 14 ins. ..... 75. Cd. doz.; 9s. 100 Ixia sp.—Leaves grass-like, 6 ins., stem slender and wiry, 20 ins., with an "ear" of delicate bowl-shaped pink flowers, 1 in. or more across. 1s. 6d. per doz. 1. viridiflora.—Leaves long, narrow, upright 2 ft., flower spray 3 ft., flowers green with blue-black centre,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  ins. across ....... 2s. 6d. per doz. 1. viridiflora var.—Leaves broad 7 ins., stem 18 ins., with an "ear" of large green flowers with dark reddish centre, 2 ins. across ... 2s. 6d. per doz. I. columellaris' - A small species, stem 7 ins., flowers violet with brown centre, I. maculata.—Stems wiry, 12 ins., bearing a head of yellow flowers  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins. 

Streptanthera cuprea.—Leaves in a 6-in. fan, stem 8 ins., with four or more saucer-shaped flowers, 13 ins. across, apricot with purple centre and dark ring ................................. 2s. 6d. per doz.; 15s. per 100

Tritonia hyalina.—Leaves in 8-in. fan, stems with six to twelve large bowlshaped flowers; in three varieties, all 2s. 6d. per doz.; 15s. per 100

1. Flowers a bright translucent orange, transparent centre,  $\bar{2}_{2}^{1}$  ins., stems green,  $\bar{1}5$  ins.

2. Flowers a bright salmon pink, 2 ins., stems dark, 15 ins.

3. Flowers reddish, edge of segments transparent, 2 ins., stems dark, 15 ins.

T. securigera.—Somewhat smaller than the above and blooming later, orange.

2s. 6d. per doz.

T. scillaris.—Upright spikes, 10 ins., with small pink flowers .. 2s. 6d. per doz. Sparaxis tricolor.—Smaller than the succeeding, brilliant red and yellow.

1s. per doz.

Sparaxis tricolor.—Leaves in 10-in. fan, stems 12 to 15 ins., with four to six large flowers, red, with a velvety deeper shade bordering the yellow throat, 2½ ins. across. A hybrid form ..... 6s. per 100; is. per doz.

S. Pillansii.—Stem 15 ins., with about six flowers, old rose with deeper colouring round the yellow throat, 1½ ins. across ..... 2s. 6d. per doz.

S. bulbifera.—Short stem and narrow leaves; flowers yellow, spreading 13 ins.

13. 6d. per doz.

Sparavis-Streptanthera Hybrids. In varied shades and central markings.

Sparaxis-Streptanthera Hybrids.—In varied shades and central markings.
6s. per 100; 1s. per doz.

**B.** villosa.—Stems 12 ins. with crimson bowl-shaped flowers,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  ins. across. **3s.** per doz.

B. plicata.—Flowers early, stems very short with four to six flowers, 1½ ins. across, lavender blue with cream and crimson markings in throat, scented.
 2s. per doz.

B. sulphurea.—Flowers primrose yellow with blue stamens 3s. 6d. per doz.

B. sulphurea var.— A more robust plant, stems 12 ins., branched, closely set with large white flowers, 1½ ins. across 18s. per 100 3s. per doz.

B. ringens.—An interesting species adapted for pollination by birds; flowers a vivid red. Seed only this year.

Gladiolus.—Slender grass-leaved species:-

G. gracilis.—Stems 10 to 15 ins., with two or three pale blue scented blooms sometimes flushed with pink, 1 in. across, very dainty .. 3s. 6d. per doz.

G. villosus.—Similar to G. gracilis but more robust, flowers pink.

3s. 6d. per doz.

G. recurvus.—More robust, stems 12 to 20 ins., with four to twelve or more lavender or light violet blooms with cream band in throat,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 ins. across; depth of colour and tone variable, generally very sweetly scented.

2s. 6d. per doz.; 15s. per 100

G. orchidiflorus.—Stems up to 17 ins. often branched with 8 or more scented flowers, green softly marked with brown,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins. ...... 5s. per doz. G. Watermeyeri.—Stems up to 7 ins. with 2 or 3 blooms; creamy-buff boldly

- veined with dull crimson, green bar on tongue ............... 5s. per doz.

  G. tristis.—Leaves reed-like, 1½ ft., stems up to 2 ft. with two to five large lily-like cream blooms, 2¼ ins. across, sweetly scented in the evening. 2s. 6d. per doz.; 15s. per 100
- G. grandis.—The Brown Afrikander Lily. Stem 18 ins., with two or three large carnation scented lily-like blooms, 23 ins. across, brown or dull crimson on cream background ...... 2s. 6d. per doz.

G. trichonemifolius.—Stem 12 ins., with two pale cream open flowers, scented.

G. Martleyi.—A recently described autumn flowering species, stem 15 ins., with six or more small pink blooms, 1 in. across, with delicate throat 

Gladiolus.—Broad leaved more robust species:—

G. blandus.—Leaves 8 ins., stems 12 ins., often branched, flowers pink.

3s. 6d. per doz. G. cuspidatus.—Leaves 8 ins., stems 12 ins., flowers creamy-yellow with

...... 3s. 6d. per doz.

- G. Pappei.—Resembles a miniature garden gladiolus, stems 9 ins., blooms an attractive pink with deeper markings, flowers mid-summer, 3s. 6d. per doz 21s. per 100
- G. odoratus.—Stem 12 ins., sometimes branched with twelve or more dark red-brown flowers, 2 ins. across, carnation scented; flowers autumn.

5s. per doz. G. hirsutus.—Sweet-scented large pink blooms with white stripes. Seed only

this year.

G. dracocephalus.—Large species, spikes 2½ ft., with numerous pale yellow blooms, finely stippled with brown; flowers late summer, 3s. 6d. per doz Freesia refracta.—Blooms white with cream throat and lavender reverse, 2 ins. long, very sweetly scented ...... 6d. per doz.

Watsonia aletroides.—Leaves narrow upright, 10 ins., spikes up to 2½ ft. with close-hanging red tubular flowers,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins. long 4s. 6d. per doz.; 27s.  $10^{11}$ 

W. roseo-alba.—Fan of short broad leaves, 4 ins., flower spike 12 ins., blooms ..... 2s. 6d. per doz. pink,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins. . .

W. Ardernei.—The tall white Watsonia, stems up to 6 ft.

- 18s. per 100; 3s. per doz. W. meriana.—Stems up to 5 ft., in shades of apricot, pink and cream.
- **18s.** per 100 3s. per doz. W. meriana var.—Smaller than the type, 2 ft., more compact flowering habit,
- W. marginata.—Leaves grey-green, 2 ft., stem 31/2 ft., bearing a close spike of small pale pink flowers; an attractive species ..... 4s. 6d. per doz.
- W. Wordsworthiana.—Evergreen, leaves 2 ft., stem 3 ft., flower a mauve
- W. angusta.—Evergreen, flowers late summer, leaves up to 3 ft., stem 4 ft., flowers red, long and narrow, resembling a large Montbretia.
- 4s. 6d. per doz. W. Vanderspuyae.—Broad leaves and tall spike of red flowers .. 5s. per doz. W. tabularis.—Evergreen, summer flowering, flowers large, peach coloured; a very handsome species. Seed only this year.

W. Beatricis.—Evergreen species; orange. Seed only this year.

W. Wilmaniae.—Graceful evergreen species; variable shades of luff, pink and apricot. Seed only this year.

# MESEMBRYANTHEMÆ. (Seed only.)

Dorotheanthus criniflorus .- A small attractive annual mesem, with glistening leaves, free flowering, flowers pink-flushed on white or buff background,

Cephalophyllum anemoniflorum.—A trailing mesem, flowers salmon pink, white zone and yellow eye; excellent for covering a patch of sandy ground; best in second year.

C. Ceresianum.—A prostrate species with lemon-yellow flowers lin. in diameter. Mesembryanthemum aureum.—Small fleshy leaved shrub, 12 ins.; when in flower a blaze of golden orange blooms; 3 ins. across.

M. Martleyi.—A shrubby mesem about 18 ins. high when in bloom, covered with large silvery-pink blocms. A new species.

M. explanatum.—A quick-growing semi-shrubby creeping species, flowers yellow.

M. caulescens.—A fleshy-leaved prostrate species forming loose mats with grey-green leaves and pinkish stems.

M. bellidiflorum.—Forms a close rosette with rose coloured flowers. Suitable for pot culture.

Conocosia sp.—Forms a large coarse-growing rosette 3 ft. in diameter, with flowers like yellow powder puffs.

#### SUCCULENTS. (Seed only.)

Argyroderma testiculare.—A silver grey, almost spherical, two-leaved plant,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ins. across, flowers yellow, pink or white.

Cheirodopsis cigarettifera. Close tufts of erect leaves in pairs in sheaths, flowers canary yellow.

C. tubercularia.—Larger than the preceding, flowers yellow.

Didymaotus lapidiformis.—Very rare stone-like plant, leaves fleshy, paired,

Faucaria tigrina.—The Tiger-mouth Mesem, leaves edged with long teeth in neat rosettes, flowers bright yellow, 2 ins. across.

Pleiospilos Bolusii.—Two large almost stone-like leaves, flowers large yellow,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ins. across.

P. Dekenahi.—Leaves large grey, angular, in pairs, flowers large yellow,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ins. across.

P. roodiae.—Leaves two, rounded, fleshy pale green or brownish, flowers yellow, 1¼ ins. across.

P. simulans.—Similar to P. Bolusii, but leaves longer and flat topped, flowers

yellow, 21 ins.

Rimaria Heathii .- A dome-like clump of pale grey green, spherical growths, flowers white.

Glottiphyllum sp.-Large ribbed rosettes of smooth fleshy leaves, flowers yellow, sessile.

### VARIOUS.

- Oxalis variabilis .- An attractive large-flowered pink oxalis with a rosette of short clover-like leaves, bulbs only 6d. per doz. O. hirta.—Flowers a rich pink; stems 3 ins. with small dark green leaves.
- 9d. per doz Richardia melanoleuca.—A small yellow arum with purple blotch at base,
- 10 ins., leaves usually spotted; seed also ..... . 2s. each. R. Elliotiana.—Similar to the preceding but deep golden yellow .. 2s. each. Thunbergia alata.—Black-eyed Susan, a small attractive creeper suitable for

pot culture. Free flowering, yellow with dark eye.

COMPOSITÆ. (Seed only.)

Charleis heterophylla.—An erect annual, 9 ins., royal blue.

Aster elongatus.—Dwarf perennial, flowers white with reddish purple zone and yellow disc; very fine.

Felicia capensis.—Blue, prolonged flowering, evergreen bush, 12 ins.

F. rotundifolia.—A free flowering evergreen shrub, 8 ins., flowers blue, smaller than the succeeding.

F. echinata var. paralia.—Dark evergreen shrub, 2 ft., flowers blue and yellow. Dimorphotheca Ecklonis.—Evergreen shrub, 3 ft., flowers large, white, blue disc and lavender reverse, 31 ins. across.

D. sinuata.—Annual, growth lax 12 ins., flowers rich orange with dark centre

and narrow dark zone, 21 ins. across.

D. nudicaulis.—Dark prostrate evergreen, flowers large, long-stalked, white with bronze reverse.

**D. aurantiaca.**—Smooth grey-green foliage, flowers  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ins., soft golden-orange. **Ursinea anethoides.**—Annual, growth lax 12 ins., flowers orange with dark crimson zone marked with black,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ins. across, leaves finely cut.

U. anthemoides.—As above, but flowers yellow or orange with narrow black

zone and tinted reverse.

U. longiscapa.—Evergreen semi-shrub 18 ins. high, dark green, flowers yellow with pale green ring.

U. versicolor.—Flowers orange with brown centre and zone, tinted reverse, 24 ins. across.

A ctotis acaulis.—Annual with a close bunch of basal leaves, flowers on 7-in. stalks, orange with dark zone, 21 ins. across.

A. laevis.—Large flowers in fine range of colours, flowering early as an annual,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ft.

A. staechadifolia var. grandis.—Grey foliage, 2 to 3 ft., flowers white, lilac eye and reverse.

Venidium fastuosum.—The splendid new orange and purple black novelty, 2 ft. Gazania pavonia.—Evergreen with dark leaves, flowers on 9-in. stalks, orange with a broad dark zone, 3 ins. An excellent plant for borders.

#### SHRUBS.

Protea.—Proteas and related species are only suitable for countries with a climate similar to South Africa.

Protea pulchella.—Evergreen leathery-leaved shrub, 4 ft., involucre dark translucent carmine.

P. susannae.—Twelve foot, free flowering, involucre deep red.
P. longiflora.—Ten foot, "flowers" wide open, pink.

P. mellifera.—The Sugar Bush, ten feet, involucre rose or white.

Leucospermum conocarpum.—Six feet, sturdy tree-like habit, branches closely covered with broad silky leaves, "flowers" yellow, pincushion type.

Erica cerinthoides.—The Cape Red Erica, flowers in heads. 10 inc. high.

E. vestita.—Up to 4 ft., shimmering foliage, flowers long, deep crimson, tubular, arranged like a bottle brush.

E. glauca var. elegans.—Forms small grey green bushes, 6 ins., with drooping heads of pink flowers. The Petticoat Heath.

Virgilia capensis .- A fine quick-growing tree with sweet-scented mauve pea flowers, up to 40 ft.

Sutherlandia frutescens.—Dwarf grey-leaved shrub, long crimson pea flowers and inflated seed pods.

Inquiries from customers interested in South African plants are always welcome, and I will endeavour to obtain bulbs and seed of species not listed above.

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